

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the allowance of Claims 1-3, the withdrawal of the restriction requirement with regard to and the rejoining of Claims 4-8, 11 and 12, and the indication that they are free of the prior art.

Applicants further thank the examiner for the suggestions for amending the Claims to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 4-8 and 11 have been amended. All claim amendments are pursuant to the Examiner's kind suggestions, with the exception of clarifying that the temperatures recited in Claims 4 and 7 are in centigrade. Applicants respectfully submit that all claim amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, on page 3, lines 4 and 23, the specification recites the temperature to be in centigrade. Applicants believe that these amendments overcome all claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, do not raise any new issues on patentability, and would place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the claim amendments and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

It is further respectfully submitted that in view of the above claim amendments, all claims are now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit an early indication from the Examiner to that effect.

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Response to Office Action

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010313.49928US).

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